

Appl. No. 09/945,049  
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**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

In the Restriction Requirement, the Examiner identified six groups of claims. Group I included claims 1-16, group II included claims 17-37 and 59-67, group III included claims 38-58, group IV included claim 68, group V included claim 69, and group VI included claim 70. The Applicants elect the claims of group III (claims 38-58) and cancel all of the other claims. The Applicants reserve the right to pursue the cancelled claims in divisional or continuation applications.

If the Examiner believes that a telephonic interview would be beneficial, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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